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C O N F I D E N T I A L 2188
SUBJ: JCS SITREP 002/212300Z NOV 78 (U)
1. (U) SITUATION.
A. PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM OF GUYANA (GOG) HAS FORMED A GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE TO ASSIST US AND GUYANIAN EFFORTS IN THE NORTHWEST REGION. AT LEAST 150 GOG DEFENSE AND POLICE PERSONNEL ARE NOW AT JONESTOWN, SITE OF THE MASS SUICIDE/MURDER OF 405 CULTISTS. IF MORE GOG FORCES ARE NEEDED, THREE BATTALIONS COULD BE DEPLOYED TO THE AREA. A SIX-MAN POLICE TEAM AND A MEDICAL TEAM WERE SENT IN MONDAY TO BEGIN GRAVES REGISTRATION PROCESSING. SINCE THE TOWN WAS SECURED ON MONDAY, EFFORTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD SEARCH

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AND RESCUE OPERATIONS AND HANDLING OF AMERICAN DEAD. SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE FOUND SMALL GROUPS OF SURVIVORS OF THE MASS SUICIDE/MURDER INCIDENT IN THE SURROUNDING JUNGLE. SOME 400 TO 600 PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS ARE STILL BELIEVED MISSING. BULK OF CULTISTS WANDERING IN JUNGLE ARE NOT BELIEVED TO POSE A THREAT TO EFFORTS TO REMOVE DEAD. NEVERTHELESS, SOME SURVIVORS MAY BE HARD-CORE FOLLOWERS OF JONES; CONSEQUENTLY COULD POSE A THREAT TO SECURITY FORCE OPERATIONS. GOG FORCES ON SCENE APPEAR ADEQUATELY TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TO HANDLE SECURITY FOR SITUATION AT JONESTOWN.
B. GROUND TRANSPORTATION WITHIN JUNGLE AREA IS DIFFICULT AND IS COMPLICATED BY REPORTEDLY IMPASSABLE CONDITIONS OF ROAD BETWEEN JONESTOWN AND PORT KAITUMA AIRSTRIP, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MILES TO THE SOUTH. AIR SUPPORT FACILITIES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA ARE SEVERELY LIMITED AND LATEST ON SITE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE AIRSTRIP AT MATTHEW RIDGE, 28 MILES SOUTH OF PORT KAITUMA, IS NOT CURRENTLY SERVICEABLE FOR C-130 OPERATIONS. TIMEHRI INTERNATIONAL, SOUTH OF GEORGETOWN, IS THE ONLY AIRFIELD CAPABLE OF HANDLING C-130'S AND C-141'S. KAITUMA AND MATTHEW RIDGE AIRFIELDS CAN SUPPORT HELICOPTERS AND LIGHT STOL AIRCRAFT ONLY. THE FACILITIES AT JONESTOWN ARE LIMITED TO JUNGLE CLEARINGS.

2. (C) FRIENDLY OPERATIONS.
A. CONGRESSMAN RYAN'S BODY WAS DELIVERED TO SAN FRANCISCO.
B. JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE) BEGAN TO DEPLOY TO USCINCSO AND GUYANA. PROVIDES SATCOM AND PARKHILL CAPABILITY.
C. GOG HAS REMOVED NIGHT LANDING RESTRICTIONS AT GEORGETOWN AND IS GRANTING BLANKET DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES. HOWEVER, ADVANCE SCHEDULE NOTIFICATION FOR ALL FLIGHTS MUST BE PROVIDED GOG.
D. GOG HAS DIRECTED THAT BODIES BE REMOVED FROM GUYANA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. JTF PLANS TO INITIATE REMOVAL OF BODIES FROM JONESTOWN ON 22 NOV. BACKHAUL AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED TO LIFT BODIES TO DOVER AFB FOR PROCESSING.
E. DEPLOYMENT OF GRAVES REGISTRATION TEAMS, MEDICAL EVACUATION PLATOONS, HELICOPTERS, AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT CONTINUES.
3. (U) GENERAL INFORMATION: HELICOPTERS WITH LOUDSPEAKERS MAY BE TASKED TO ASSIST IN LOCATING CULT SURVIVORS IN JUNGLE NEAR JONESTOWN.
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